

**CLAIMS**

We claim:

1. A system for managing clinically related supply procurement, comprising:
  - a first interface to receive patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising patient supply consumption data;
  - a second interface to receive care provider preference data from the at least one clinically related site; and
  - an analytic engine, the analytic engine communicating with the first interface and the second interface to aggregate the patient supply consumption data to evaluate comparative clinical supply policies.
2. A system according to claim 1, wherein the patient supply data comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.
3. A system according to claim 1, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.
4. A system according to claim 1, wherein the care provider preference data comprises a preference card.
5. A system according to claim 4, wherein the preference card comprises selections for at least one of surgical devices, pharmaceutical selections and consumable material selections.
6. A system according to claim 1, wherein the analytic reports comprise comparisons between alternative supply selections.

7. A system according to claim 6, wherein the comparisons comprise volumetric pricing information as a function of alternative supply selections.
8. A system according to claim 6, wherein the comparisons comprise correspondence ratings between care provider preference data and alternative supply selections.
9. A system according to claim 1, wherein the analytic reports comprise reports on the patient supply consumption data broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient demographic categories, vendor information and cost ranges.
10. A system according to claim 1, wherein the care provider preference data is updated according to updated clinical supply policies.
11. A method for managing clinically related supply procurement, comprising:
  - receiving patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising patient supply consumption data;
  - receiving care provider preference data from the at least one clinically related site;and
  - aggregating the patient supply consumption data to evaluate comparative clinical supply policies.
12. A method according to claim 11, wherein the patient supply data comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.
13. A method according to claim 11, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

14. A method according to claim 11, wherein the care provider preference data comprises a preference card.
15. A method according to claim 14, wherein the preference card comprises selections for at least one of surgical devices, pharmaceutical selections and consumable material selections.
16. A method according to claim 11, further comprising a step of performing comparisons between alternative supply selections.
17. A method according to claim 16, wherein the comparisons comprise volumetric pricing information as a function of alternative supply selections.
18. A method according to claim 16, wherein the comparisons comprise correspondence ratings between care provider preference data and alternative supply selections.
19. A method according to claim 11, further comprising a step of generating reports on the patient supply consumption data broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient demographic categories, vendor information and cost ranges.
20. A method according to claim 11, further comprising a step of updating the care provider preference data according to updated clinical supply policies.
21. A clinically related supply policy, generated according to a method comprising:
  - receiving patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising patient supply consumption data;
  - receiving care provider preference data from the at least one clinically related site;and

aggregating the patient supply consumption data to evaluate comparative clinical supply policies.

22. A clinically related supply policy according to claim 21, wherein the patient supply data comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.
23. A clinically related supply policy according to claim 21, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.
24. A clinically related supply policy according to claim 21, wherein the care provider preference data comprises a preference card.
25. A clinically related supply policy according to claim 24, wherein the preference card comprises selections for at least one of surgical devices, pharmaceutical selections and consumable material selections.
26. A clinically related supply policy according to claim 21, wherein the method further comprises a step of performing comparisons between alternative supply selections.
27. A clinically related supply policy according to claim 26, wherein the comparisons comprise volumetric pricing information as a function of alternative supply selections.
28. A clinically related supply policy according to claim 26, wherein the comparisons comprise correspondence ratings between care provider preference data and alternative supply selections.

29. A clinically related supply policy according to claim 21, wherein the method further comprises a step of generating reports on the patient supply consumption data broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient demographic categories, vendor information and cost ranges.
30. A clinically related supply policy according to claim 21, wherein the method further comprises a step of updating the care provider preference data according to updated clinical supply policies.